

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR(S)

Attorney Docket Number 960716RE/TL

As a below named inventor, I declare that: My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,943,448, granted August 24, 1999, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled INFORMATION REPRODUCING SYSTEM, INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS, the specification of which is attached hereto and as amended by Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below.

This is a broadening reissue. For example, patent claim 1 recites that the "reference dot detection means . . . binarizes the image signal with a predetermined threshold value . . . so as to detect a reference dot..." Claim 1, as amended, still recites the reference dot detection function but the binarization has been deleted as being a function performed by the reference dot detection means.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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